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Attorney General John Ashcroft
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I am writing you today, to express my support for the settlement reached between the Department of Justice and Microsoft. I feel this settlement is fair, and that no further legal actions should be taken against Microsoft by the Federal Government. It is in the best interest of our economy to let this issue rest and for the Federal Government to move onto other endeavors.

Under the agreement, Microsoft pledged not only to devote resources to comply with the terms of the proposed agreement, but to become a more responsible industry leader. Through a court appointed mediator several issues were resolved after intense negotiations. Microsoft agreed to communicate even more with other companies; share information about their software design and competitors will retain the right to sue Microsoft if they believe Microsoft is not complying with the agreement.

Now is the time to allow the settlement to take effect and allow Microsoft to return its focus on innovation, not litigation.

Sincerely,

Theresa Underwood